

East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee

January 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/26/2021
Time: 7:30PM

Meeting Called By: Bruce Stephens
Meeting Notes By: Flora Kapp

Attended	Name	Attended	Name
X	Bruce Stephens, Chairmen	X	Flora Kapp, Secretary
X	Cathy Carney-Horner	X	Karen Nocella
X	Jason Stouch, Vice Chairmen	X	Gary Hughes
X	Liz Willow	X	Frank Coppo

Guests in attendance: Connie Coppo

Agenda Item: Review of November 2020 Minutes

- ❖ Karen made motion to approve November 2020 minutes, Gary seconded, all in favor; minutes approved.

Agenda Item: Invasive Plants in Ellis Woods

- ❖ Flora reviewed walk with Jay Erb and Karen regarding invasive plants (Bush Honeysuckle and Euonymus, followed by Barberry, Vine Honeysuckle, and Multiflora Rose. Most are located on border of park and now is good time to remove.
 - Members to meet Sunday@ 10am at Ellis Woods to review and start clearing.
 - Karen shared information about next meeting of township park and rec committees regarding management of invasive plants. She recommended committee to attend online meeting (4th Wed/month, Feb 24th, 4pm-6pm) and plan to discuss at next meeting. She will send invite to committee members.
- ❖ Committee agreed to meet 10am Sunday at Ellis Woods to review invasive plants and start cleanup.
- ❖ Karen to send information regarding Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee (PARRC) meeting, held 4th Wednesday of February, 4-6pm. Discussion of invasive species and how to address them via a Zoom online meeting.

Agenda Item: Riparian Planting - Grants

- ❖ Liz reviewed Riparian grant with committee. She would like trees planted along creek and in field now currently being farmed. Measurements required by Michael Lane for grant application. Liz and Flora met to measure.

Agenda Item: Recycling Plastic Bags

- ❖ Liz reviewed the Trex recycling program with committee. Trex will donate a bench per required number of pounds of plastic collected. She forwarded Trex web site to committee members for review.
 - Explained this could be a way for community/schools to get involved in providing a bench for park.
 - Would need someone to organize and place for collection of plastic bags, etc.

Agenda Item: Spring Newsletter Articles Needed by Jan 29th

- ❖ Update on Ellis Woods, last phase of signs (interpretive bird signs).

- ❖ Karen to do article on new farm store on Pigeon Creek Road.
- ❖ Liz suggested picture of committee in from of new Ellis Woods Park sign be included. Karen to ask Jocelyn for pictures.
- ❖ Karen to ask Jocelyn for pictures of Christmas Tree for birds contest for newsletter.
- ❖ Suggestion made to put in Bio on Parks & Rec members like Historical Committee did. Decided this to possibly done for Fall newsletter.

Agenda Item: Miscellaneous

- ❖ Due to Covid 19 cannot really schedule any formal activity (i.e. spring run, spring/fall walks, pickle ball tournament) at this time.
 - Jason to contact Jill/accounting to inquire about run account to see if we can start repair to stone wall.
- ❖ Karen informed committee that Ray's crew had cleared/cleaned up tennis courts on Maack property. He will rope off until Spring at which time inspect court, possible repair. Gary to review.
 - No trespassing signs have been installed by committee discussed installation of fence to prevent trespassing into residence property at this trail location.
- ❖ Christmas tree for birds - Flora mentioned possibly having township elementary schools involved - see if they would want to make decorating tree with edible food for animals a science/classroom project.

Meeting adjourned 8:19pm.

Signed: Flora Kapp

Date: 2/23/2021